

MIDNIGHT MASS
FEATURE OF NEW YORK CELEBRATION

Million Persons Attend Services Marking Opening of Christmas Day in the Catholic Churches.

DENVER CHURCH BELLS RING Large Christmas Dinners Served to Scores of Needy Individuals Without Home Ties.

BIG TREE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—New York City celebrated a joyous and prosperous Christmas with a lavish distribution of gifts and an unusually large outlay of charity.

After a display of community trees in various parks and public centers throughout the city last night, the day was ushered in not only here, but throughout the archdiocese of New York with midnight masses in most of the Catholic churches.

Baskets of food were distributed to 8,000 persons by the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America. An unusual incident of the celebration was the dinner given by the crew of the battleship New York to 100 boys and girls who otherwise would have had no Christmas dinner.

Church Bells Ring at Denver. DENVER, Dec. 25.—Throughout the Rocky mountain region urban and rural residents joined in the celebration of Christmas today.

In Denver the world-wide holiday was ushered in at midnight by the ringing of church bells. Special Christmas services were held at many churches. Distribution of Christmas supplies to the needy claimed the attention of all charity organizations and hundreds of individuals.

At Colorado Springs a feature of the celebration was a Christmas tree in one of the parks bearing trays of edibles for the birds.

The festivities at El Paso, Texas were opened last night with a chorus of 200 United States soldiers singing carols and hymns accompanied by military bands.

Christmas Tree at White House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas festivities at the White House today were devoted largely to the entertainment of President Wilson's grand children, little Miss Ellen McAdoo, Master Francis Sayre and Miss Josephine Cochran, a grand niece of 15 years.

There was a large Christmas tree in the library on the second floor of the White House elaborately decorated and laden with packages.

Second Crop of Peas. HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 25.—(Xmas).—Fresh peas, the second crop of the season is a unique dish appearing on a number of Christmas tables today in this section.

Quiet Day at Hot Springs. HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 25.—The president and Mrs. Wilson spent Christmas day quietly and dined in their suite at seven o'clock this evening after a motor drive.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled; much colder tonight with probably rain or snow.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Temperature (Deg.). Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 m.

Comparative Local Record. 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912. Columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation.

COURT HOUSE CARICATURES BY THE BEE'S CARICATURIST



VOLUNTEERS GIVE OUT XMAS BASKETS

Two Hundred Eighty Big Christmas Dinners Distributed Among Needy of Omaha.

CONTAIN CHICKEN AND FIXINGS

"For I was hungry and ye fed Me." The glad anniversary of the birth of Him by Whom these words were said was celebrated at Volunteers of America headquarters, 114 North Fifteenth street, by passing out 280 big baskets laden with chickens, geese and all the "fixings" of a Christmas dinner.

A stout rope across the room separated the givers from the receivers. And the sight that met the eyes of the hungry was mighty good. Baskets, baskets, baskets, from which protruded the legs of the toothsome birds. No pinhead baskets these, but big and heavy and liberal.

There was the Christmas tree, too. A new kind of Christmas tree, this. "It's a new species I guess," said Mrs. McCormick. It was, indeed, for instead of one top it had five tops. It was a fan-shaped tree. George Alcorn was the Luther Burbank who produced this new species, by the simple expedient of bunching five small trees. And the effect was decidedly pleasing and the decorations many and brilliant.

Toys for Kiddies. On one side of the tree were the many shelves on which the baskets were displayed and under the tree were toys and toys.

Well, the folks arrived early and there were many expressions of delight when they saw that grand tree and hungry eyes rested on those full baskets.

There was a little praise service before the giving started and charming Miss Alice McCormick, daughter of Major McCormick, sang for the people a sweet, tender song that moved them wonderfully.

Then the giving started and all was happiness. Major and Mrs. McCormick, Captain Clara Allen, Captain Charles Elmer, Frank Minor and George Alcorn took their positions on the "giving line."

Tickets were presented by the recipients, for every case had been investigated thoroughly to prove its worthiness before a ticket was bestowed.

Mother with Six Children. One little mother came with six of her ten children. Pale and drawn was her face with the toll and anxiety of keeping the wolf from the door. But it was lighted up with the joy of kindness and sympathy and with the knowledge that her brood would not be hungry on Christmas day, thanks to the foresight and planning and work of the Volunteers of America.

Her oldest child is but 11 years old. The father "has gone away." Not only was this family supplied with an immense basket of good things to eat, but every one of the children received a present, dolls for the girls and sets of clothes, and horns and balls and things for the boys. The toys may not have been just brand new, but they were received with dancing eyes by those children.

George Alcorn's arms were already sore with well-doing before he arrived to help give out the Volunteers' good things. Christmas morning he had carried one basket of wood to a maiden lady, 63 years old, who is sick and has suffered many reverses. The woman could hardly speak for joy. Mr. Alcorn led money next door to come in and cook the invalid's dinner. Mr. Alcorn was himself converted in the Omaha Volunteers' hall ten years ago when he was a down-and-outter and is now a prosperous contractor and builder and a frequent speaker in the Volunteers' hall.

Teddy Bats a Thousand. Nor must we forget "Teddy." In disseminating Christmas cheer "Teddy's" batting average was 1,000. "Teddy" is the little yellow dog of the Volunteers and he's always on the job. He attends all the street meetings and all the other meetings. But his great delight is the annual Christmas celebration. Then he walks about, as he did yesterday, (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC OF SAVIOR'S BIRTH

Glorious Day Welcomed In at the Episcopal Churches by Midnight Services.

CHURCHES ARE WELL FILLED

In the Episcopal churches of the city Christmas was observed by the celebration of holy communion at both the early and the 10:30 o'clock services. At St. Barnabas the early celebration occurred at midnight and in the other churches at 7:30 o'clock. At all of these services the attendance was unusually large.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd the Christmas exercises for the children were held on Friday evening and besides the tree, brilliantly illuminated, there was an abundance of candy and fruit for the little folks of the Sunday school, distributed by Santa Claus. The music was under the direction of the choir and consisted of anthems, class songs and solos, all appropriate for the occasion. The early communion was well attended, but there was sea music. At the regular services at 10:30 o'clock, in addition to the celebration of holy communion there was a delightful musical program and a short address by the rector, Rev. Thomas J. Collier, his talk having to do with Christmas and its meaning to the people.

The music consisted of the regular Christmas hymns from the hymnal and anthems, Miss Alice Fry singing the solo part.

Rev. Mr. Collier in speaking of Christmas presented an interesting word picture of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem 1,900 years ago, asserting that upon this occasion every human heart in every Christian land is attracted by the child in the cradle and that by reason of these millions of hearts have been brought closer to Christ.

Hope of Mankind. "This, the birthday of our Lord," said Mr. Collier, "is the birthday of the best hope of mankind for the reason that it marks the promise of eternal life for all who will accept Christ."

The speaker asserted that Christmas, the birthday of Christ is the birthday of true brotherhood the world over, "for it was through the birth of Christ that there was given to the people the true conception of brotherhood."

In connection with the Christmas idea of "peace on earth," Rev. Mr. Collier asserted that on this Christmas the world is at peace with war, due to the fact that "where war is being waged there is no room for Christ in the hearts of many of the people."

The speaker made the prediction that peace will come but before it can be brought about there must be fully established in the hearts of the people the Christian brotherhood and when this is done the era of war will cease.

Victor B. Caldwell In Serious Condition

Victor B. Caldwell, president of the United States National bank, who has been ill for some time at his home, 539 South Twentieth street, was reported quite low on Christmas day. Late in the afternoon it was said that he was no worse, but his condition was critical. He has suffered with asthma for some time, and this is now complicated with Bright's disease.

Mrs. Flavilla Etter Of South Side Dead

Mrs. Flavilla Etter, wife of the late F. J. Etter, former postmaster of South Omaha, and prominent resident of that city since 1880, died yesterday, aged 73 years.

YANKEE PROTECTS THE CITY OF NISH

Red Cross Officer Succeeded in Keeping Order with Aid of Bulgarians Until Germans Came.

TEUTONS THEN LOOTED CITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It was an American who surrendered the city of Nish, Serbia, to the invading Bulgarian army after the Serbian forces had retreated, according to a story told today by Douglas M. Dold of this city, who has just returned to his home after spending several months in Serbia.

Dold and his brother, Elliot W. Dold, sons of an alienist, left here in June as members of an automobile squad attached to a relief expedition sent out to aid the Serbians. Douglas M. Dold, who was in charge of the squad, was stricken blind at Nish as a result of the hardships, overwork and privations he endured there, and it was on this account that he and his brother returned.

Dold said that when it was realized that Nish would be captured by a Serbian regiment, the Twentieth Puk, mutilated, killing their colonel, and looted the house. Dold attempted to protect the hospital stores under his charge, but was knocked down and beaten by the soldiers, who, he said, wanted the stores of alcohol and quinine, which were used for the sick and wounded, and took 2,000 pairs of shoes which were among the supplies.

After this regiment left the city the people appealed to the bishop of Nish to induce Dold to surrender to the Bulgarians and asked for protection. When the Bulgarians seized the city Dold, bearing garlands of flowers went out to meet them. A white flag was raised and an officer commanding the Bulgarians rode forward.

The bishop introduced Dold as an American. "I showed my passport," said Dold, "and asked for protection of the city and people and for the hospital stores. After I got through he bowed respectfully and his men behaved themselves splendidly while in the city. A guard was sent to protect the hospital stores and there was no disorder until the pandemonium broke loose. Their conduct was worse than that of the Serbian mutineers. Destruction and loot were on all sides."

"When the exodus from Nish began the Agricultural society turned over to me its belongings and Sir Ralph Paget placed in my care the entire relief supplies. Men tried to give me outright their hotels and places of business and frantic women implored me to marry them in order to protect them from the invaders through my passport. It was then that I was suddenly stricken blind, of course. I was then useless and in the way."

Glass Machine Co. Cuts Big Melon

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—Stockholders of the American Window Glass Machine company were notified this morning that the directors yesterday had ordered a dividend of \$7 a share on the \$7,000,000 preferred stock, the second dividend of \$7 to be paid within sixty days. This disbursement reflects the extraordinary prosperity of the window glass industry, due largely to the withdrawal of Belgium from the international market and the activity of the building trades in this country. Leading window glass men said that orders for window glass from abroad were pressing in this market, some being for quantities as high as 60,000 and 50,000 boxes for a customer.

Germans Establish Their Capital at Nish

LONDON, Dec. 25.—According to dispatches from a Serbian source, the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish, withdrawing all the Bulgarian and Austrian troops and ending Bulgarian-Austrian interference in the administration of Serbian affairs. It is added that proclamations have been issued that the Germans will "respect Serbian nationality."

WOUNDED GIRL'S CONDITION REPORTED TO BE IMPROVED

Ida Stroud, aged 9 years, who was shot Wednesday afternoon by a watchman at the city dump, is reported improved by the attending her at St. Joseph's hospital. She received a number of presents and her family spent the entire day at the hospital.

GERMANS CARRY WAR ACROSS THE GREEK BORDERS

Heavy Guns of Teutons Open on Anglo-French Lines in Macedonian Territory Under Hellenic Flag.

MEANS GREAT ADVANCE IS ON

Turkish Cannon Do Damage to Entente Positions on Gallipoli Peninsula.

SILENCE THREE BATTERIES

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Christmas day was barren of notable war developments. The commanders of the huge forces in the European fields of hostilities for the most part seem to have been resting on their arms.

One of the most interesting of the day's reports came through Athens to the effect that on Friday German artillery on lake Doiran, about forty miles northwest of Saloniki, was shelling the Anglo-French lines in Greek Macedonia which the allies are continuing to fortify. This might easily mean that the looked for advance by the forces of the central powers against the allied base at Saloniki was about to begin.

Greece Takes Stand

According to one correspondent the Greek government has definitely decided not to permit the enemies of the entente to penetrate Greek territory, unless the central powers satisfactorily guarantee that Greek territory will not be endangered.

Over on the other side of the Balkans, Teutonic aircraft appear to have been active recently, a dispatch from Gettindj, Montenegro, reporting that two aeroplanes had dropped bombs on Scutari, killing five civilians and injuring nearly a score of others, while five Albanian coast-guarding boats were sunk by a submarine attack, lost a ship with livestock.

Paris reported the Christmas eve preparations along the western front as not being important enough to record. The German account mentioned only the bearing operations in which the Germans blew up works which were under construction in front of their lines, presumably by the British. The British report under Friday's date, spoke only of artillery activity, notably in the vicinity of Ypres.

Turkish Guns Busy

In the Dardanelles the Turkish guns have been busy and, according to Constantinople, have done considerable execution recently against the allies' trenches and lines of communication, sinking two loaded vessels, preventing the landing of troops by shelling the allies' landing boats and quays, and by the British, leader breaking up the work of entrenchment diggers.

In Persia the Russians are declared to have severely damaged the Persian insurgents in a battle twenty-five miles from Teheran. Along the Russian front the fighting, according to Berlin, has been limited to patrol engagements.

Lodges Must Pay Damages for Horse Play Accidents

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 25.—Secret orders were held responsible for injuries inflicted on neophytes during initiation in a ruling Friday by the Texas supreme court, ordering the Grand Temple and Laborers Knights and Daughters of Tabernacle to pay \$10,000 awarded Smith Johnson by a lower court for permanent injuries alleged to have been inflicted while he was being initiated into a lodge of the order.

Veteran of German Wars and Tornado Victim Is Called

August F. Carstens died early Saturday morning at his residence, 482 Leavenworth street. He had lived in Omaha for forty-three years, and is survived by his wife, his son, Henry C. Carstens, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Omaha. He was 73 years old. He was born in Germany and came to this country in 1872. He was a veteran of the wars of 1864 and 1870-71 and was honored with the Iron Cross for bravery. He served his country in the infantry. Mr. Carstens was a member of the Omaha Pioneers and the Landwehr Verein. He was one of the heavy sufferers of the tornado in 1913, when his home was completely destroyed. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Submarine Fires At Greek Steamship

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The Greek steamer Ioannina arrived today from Piraeus and reported having been fired upon by a submarine, nationally unknown, when about eighty miles off Kalamata, Greece. Captain Halapsis said the submarine pursued the steamer some distance before firing a shell, which fell fifty yards off the starboard side of the steamer. The Ioannina then stopped and the submarine passed close to the steamer, but submerged after seeing the Greek flag on the vessel.

Pittsburgh Builds Up Toy Industry

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—The temporary retirement of Germany from the toy trade of the United States has built up in the Pittsburgh district a toy manufacturing industry which is rapidly assuming important proportions. Many factories are engaged in the new industry and orders have been in excess of producing capacity.

BATTLE BEGINS FOR SALONIKI POSITION

German Artillery on Banks of Lake Doiran Opens Fire on Anglo-French Lines.

BULGARS AND GERMANS FIGHT

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Athens correspondent of the Journal telegraphs under Friday's date that the German artillery on the banks of Lake Doiran, in Macedonia, about forty miles northwest of Saloniki, are bombarding the Anglo-French lines, which the allied troops are continuing to fortify.

Bombs Dropped on Scutari

Two aeroplanes, one of which was German, dropped four bombs on Scutari, Albania, on December 23, killing five civilians and injuring sixteen women and children, according to a Havas dispatch from Cetina.

The following official statement was issued by the war office this afternoon: "During the course of the night there were no events of importance to record."

Mines and Counter Mines

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—Mining operations against the German lines west of La Bassee, near the Belgian border on the French front, have been resumed since November 20, in connection with neutrality violation cases, was served with a subpoena last night at police headquarters when the chauffeur of the taxicab in which he was riding was arrested and taken there for trial.

Speeding Chauffeur Takes Much Wanted Man to the Police

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 25.—Robert Capelle, general agent in this city for the North German Lloyd Steamship company, for whom the federal authorities have been searching since November 20, in connection with neutrality violation cases, was served with a subpoena last night at police headquarters when the chauffeur of the taxicab in which he was riding was arrested and taken there for trial.

Dr. A. E. Hancock, Author, Kills Self

STROUBSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—The body of Dr. Albert E. Hancock, author and a former member of the Haverford college faculty, was found near the Delaware water gap last night, and by his side was a revolver with which he had taken his life. He disappeared from a hotel in Stroubsburg Wednesday, leaving a note that he intended to commit suicide. He had been in poor health for some time.

Homesteader Gets Title to Mine Claims

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—Title to 160 acres of land on Snohomish county, containing twenty mining claims on which it is estimated \$45,000 has been spent in improvements and development work, is vested today in Peter H. Chappell of Seattle as a result of a decision of the United States general land office. The claims were staked in the 90's and 100,000 was invested in building, \$45,000 in machinery and \$20,000 in development work up to 1911 when Chappell filed a homestead application for the land.

Lloyd George Now Biggest Briton of All

LONDON, Dec. 25.—In England, David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, is the chief figure for the moment. This is no holiday period for him, as he is in the midst of the most important work of his life, the scheme of "labor dilution," sent to his scheme of "labor dilution."

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